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Hi Brett,

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I finally figured out what JLW is. It was a scam supposedly to supply gold to a Mineapolis company which manufactured jewelry and needed a source of gold. The activity consisted of removing a bank of Mancos clay along the road between the McMillan Springs campground and Bull Mountain Pass. The claystone was then trucked down a road, which began at the site where the clay was taken from, to private property several hundred yards to the north east where it was dumped and remains to this day. The property is owned by the Durfey family in Notom, Utah. A lot of clay was hauled down there

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The activity began in 1993 and was over by 1994. The disturbance on public land naturally healed and is completely unnoticeable. The mess on Durfey's land is somewhat overgrown as I remember but I haven't looked at it in years. Somebody (Keith Durfey?) parked an old school bus on the site and it has since had the windows shot out of etc..

We could never get hold of the claimant, Jack C. Leeds, or the operator, Lewis Blackham who was from Salt Lake City. BLM closed the case file in 1998 as all disturbance on public land was reclaimed naturally.

Keith Durfey was killed in a car accident two weeks ago so I'm not sure if there is anyone besides Blackham who knows what kind of agreement existed for them to dump the clay on the private land.

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